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War Minister's Address Delivered to the Newly Appointed  
Chiefs of Prisoner of War Camps, at the Ministry of War,  
on June 25, 1942

It gives me great pleasure that you have been appointed Chiefs of Prisoner of War Camps and are starting for your respective posts soon.

In Japan, we have our own ideology concerning prisoners of war, which should naturally make their treatment more or less different from that in Europe and America. In dealing with them, you should, of course, observe the various regulations concerned, aim at an adequate application of them, and evince the fair and just attitude of the Empire vividly for abroad as well as at home. At the same time, however, you must place the prisoners under strict discipline and not allow them to lie idle doing nothing but eating freely for even a single day. Their labor and technical skill should be fully utilized for the replenishment of production, and contribution rendered toward the prosecution of the Greater East Asiatic War, for which no effort ought to be spared.

You are specially desired to take into consideration the characteristic nature of your places of appointment and make the local populace realize the superior traits of the Japanese nation through the correct treatment of prisoners of war, impressing upon their minds the unique privilege and honor of having been born as Japanese subjects under His Majesty's gracious reign.

Keeping these things in view, you will always be awake to the gravity of your responsibility, tighten your control of subordinates, and make every effort to fill your duty to perfection.

HIDEKI TOJO  
Minister of War

June 25, 1942 ( Showa 17)

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Signed at Tokyo on this  
4th day of September, 1946.

/s/ Nakanishi Sadayoshi

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Witness: /s/ Koji Yokoi

Acting Director  
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I, John A. Curtis, 2nd Lt., hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this  
4th day of September, 1946.

/s/ J. A. Curtis, 2nd Lt. M.I.

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